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For: REMOVAL OF PROTEINS FROM A SAMPLE Examin

Examiner: Melanie J. Yu

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 24, 2005.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the aboveidentified application:

- I. Claims 1-8 and 12-18 are drawn to a method for depleting a sample of at least three proteins, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
- II. Claims 9-11 are drawn to an apparatus for analyzing a sample of molecules, classified in class 422, subclass 50.
- III. Claim 19 and 23-30 is drawn to a device for removing a protein from a sample, classified in class 422, subclass 50.
- IV. Claims 20-22 are drawn to a device for depleting a sample of at least three proteins comprising an immunoaffinity chromatography surface, classified in class 436, subclass 518.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. BG9-007, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Accordingly, Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) Group III, Claims 19 and 23-30 for continued examination.

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Respectfully submitted,

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